

"It should be clearly understood that the forms of the present invention herein described are illustrative only and are not intended to limit the scope of the invention.";

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

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16. (New) The process of claim 10 wherein the source material is an ore residue further comprising fluorine, tantalum and/or niobium and the process further comprises: reacting the ore residue with a solution of mineral acid for a period of time, and under temperature and pressure conditions sufficient, to solubilize at least a portion of tantalum and niobium from the source material and create a solution comprising tantalum and niobium